

PH Financing Committee Meeting Notes April 2, 2003

Present: Lois Speelman, Marie Flake, Maggie Moran, Kathy Uhlorn, Jean Baldwin, Steve Russman, Rick Mockler, Larry Jecha, Joan Brewster, David Swink, John Manning, Carol Villers, Marty Wine, Ursula Roosen-Runge

Draft Principles Based on Cost Model

The Committee discussed changes to 2000 Principles based on the March meeting's list of learnings from cost model work. See the updated draft for changes.

Making the Model a Useful Tool

The Committee decided that if anything should happen with the model going forward:

1. Documentation should be completed and the model should be made available electronically for committee members;
2. The work should be presented to WSALPHO at the June meeting (Marty suggested that members of the Committee might want to make the presentation instead of the consulting team);
3. Future work should be to develop state cost drivers and make them part of the model.

Otherwise, the Committee was not ready to commit to future work on the cost model. A list of possible improvements was distributed.

Next PHIP Cycle and Draft Workplan

DOH, WSALPHO Steering Committee and others will meet soon to discuss the next PHIP cycle. Joan asked the group to draft up a workplan of the work they might do if there were the same, less or more resources after July 1. The Committee did not place a priority on the work items but said it would do so with more scoping/cost estimating of what the work would entail and once we knew the resources that were available.

Committee's future workplan ideas:

- Minimum "fair-share" contribution at the local level to public health. Links to funding formula effort and being prepared for legislative session.
- Unfunded mandates: the issues the PH system must deal with adapts and reprioritizes quickly – how do we get to the point where our funding can catch up as well?
- Revisit principle about financial incentives for cost-effectiveness – need to shift the disincentives currently in the system, and explore and make work incentives to encourage the kind of actions/organization that is desired.
- Joint work with Standards (all ideas listed below):
 - Explore the nexus with the standards and have a joint dialog with the Standards Committee; examine what will be achievable in coming years to move both Standards and Finance work forward. Lay the cost model next to the standards and compare actual financing level to level of performance. Link what we know about costs to what we know about how we're doing achieving the standards. Include how do federal standards fit with the state standards? (x2)
 - Funding how we meet the standards – match up what we are funded to do, what we don't do, and what are strategies to support funding the gaps.

- Look at the standards data, where are there gaps in performance, to meet the standards, assess the cost of meeting the standards. Where would achieving the standards actually cost more and where could more be done without additional funding? Use standards data to figure out what is a reasonable budget for public health and what amount is needed? Use standards data to get to a realistic statewide budget. (x2)
- Develop/hold a workshop to build a really radical scenario/vision of the future that envisions and costs out a different system: smaller DOH, more funding at the regional level, separate taxing districts, based on achieving the standards, governed by a separate board.
- Get better prepared for legislative funding issues in 2004, and elevate the Finance Committee's work for next session. (x2)
- Continue to assess funding formulas/allocations. How to decategorize funds (such as not by disease, but across the whole standard such as communicable disease). (x2)
- Understanding the state cost drivers to lead to more fully examining factors in the delivery of services – look at the whole system to improve cost-effectiveness.

Consolidated Prevention/Promotion Committee Workplan

The Committee reviewed the revised workplan for changes suggested at the March meeting and had no additional changes. They suggested that the workplan be updated for revisions to principles made at today's meeting, and that there may be some evaluation process that the Committee will need to decide on (how will the Committee know if the "new" allocation methodology is working the way it should).

Next Steps

- No next meeting scheduled until the next PHIP cycle.
- Joan will take workplan ideas to DOH/WSALPHO planning for the next PHIP cycle.
- Marty will send out the redrafted principles to the Committee and finalize them, complete model documentation.